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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Information on the Weisswasser Troop Training Grounds</u>	25X1	
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Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. every day between 23 and 25 October 1953, firing was practiced with tank and AT guns at the artillery range of the Weisswasser troop training grounds. During the same period, infantry units practiced firing with heavy machine guns, mortars, and submachine guns in the portion of the troop training grounds allocated to infantry. At 11 p.m. on 25 October, a troop train was being loaded at Weisswasser railroad station. The train left about 0:30 a.m. toward Cottbus. [redacted] observed 12 SS-type flatcars, each loaded with 1 T-34/85 tank,

2 SS-type cars loaded with 3 x 57-mm AT guns; 3 flatcars with side tracks each loaded with 2 trucks [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] and 8 boxcars each occupied by 30 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 11:30 p.m., 3 trucks, 6 of them towing 82-mm mortars and each truck loaded with 25 to 30 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, left by road toward Cottbus. Trucks [redacted] with field kitchen, 25X1

[redacted] were identified. About 1 a.m. on 26 October, jeeps [redacted] occupied by six officers 25X1 left toward Cottbus. About 6 a.m. on 27 October [redacted] observed 12 trucks, each occupied with about 25 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, eight of the trucks towing 57-mm AT gun and two field kitchens from the direction of Cottbus; each of the trucks mounted a heavy machine gun. Trucks [redacted]

[redacted] were identified. Six JS-2 tanks, [redacted] 25X1 were observed engaged in driving practices in Jagen (forest section) [redacted]

Comment.

The rail shipments and road movements toward Cottbus indicate that component units of the 9th Meck Div. had been involved. [redacted] 25X1

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